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SUBJ: REPORTING ON MEXICAN POPPY ERADICATION CAMPAIGN

- 1. AS WASHINGTON AGENCIES AWARE, GOM HAS BEGUN TO USE PHRASE "PERMANENT ERADICATION CAMPAIGN" TO DESCRIBE ITS ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE ILLICIT CULTIVATION OF POPPY AND MARIJUANA. WE BELIEVE THIS IS ENCOURAGING SIGN AND HOPE TO ENCOURAGE GAOM TO CONTINUE THINKING ALONG THESE LINES. CONSEQUENTLY, WE PROPOSE TO CONFINE USE OF "OPERATION TRIZO" TO DEA ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF CAMPAIGN.
- 2. THE NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS INDICATED THAT HE HOPES TO GET ERADICATION CAMPAIGN INTO FULL SWING SOON AFTER JANUARY 1. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN GOM ERADICATION STATISTICS BEGINNING WITH FIRST DAY OF GOM ACTIVITIES. TO AVOID CONFUSTION WITH USG PARTICIPATION ("OPERATION TRIZO"), WE PLAN TO DISCONTINUE REPORTING GOM ERADICATION ACTIVITIES UNDER "TRIZO" CAPTION AND PLAN INSTEAD TO USE "GOM ERADICATION" AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBJECT OF ALL ERADICATION REPORTS. WE ALSO HOPE TO SUBMIT A CATCH-UP REPORT ON ALL ERADICATION ACTIVITY THAT HAS OCCURED SINCE THE LAST "TRIZO" ERADICATION REPORT (MEXICO 15417).

3. SIMILARLY, WE PROPOSE TO BEGIN BI-WEEKLY REPORTING

ON THE SUBJECT OF "GOM INTERDICTION", AGAIN DISCONTINUING THE USE OF THE PHRASE "TRIZO". THIS WOULD RECOGNIZE FACT THAT INTERDICTION ACTIVITIES CONTINUE YEAR-AROUND, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER OR NOT "OPERATION TRIZO" PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT.

4. WE WOULD CONTINUE TO USE PHRASE "OPERATION TRIZO" ON ALL ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGES CONCERNING DEA PERSONNEL AND AIRCRAFT, AND ON ANY MESSAGES REPORTING THEIR ACTIVITIES TO LOCATE ILLICIT CROPS AND/OR VERIFY DESTRUCTION DATA REPORTED BY THE GOM.

5. WE WOULD WELCOME A COORDINATED WASHINGTON COMMENT ON THE ABOVE APPROACH TO REPORTING. JOVA

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